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Honorable Peter B. Foor, Presiding Judge Solano County Superior Courts Hall of Justice 600 Union Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533

Sheriff's Response to the 2003/2004 Solano County Grand Jury Final Report

The Sheriff's Office concurs with the findings of the Grand Jury and provides the following response to those findings that have recommendations as outlined below.

Facilities Inspection (page 27)

Sheriff's Detention Facilities

<u>Finding #1</u>: The carpeting in the Claybank Facility is old, worn and poses a safety hazard to staff and inmates. (1)

Recommendation #1: Follow Claybank Administration recommendation to replace carpet with tile.

Response: The replacement of worn carpeting at the Claybank Facility is addressed in the Sheriff's FY 04/05 budget. Replacement of worn carpeting has been identified in our facilities maintenance plan. A suitable replacement material will be identified and installed as quickly as possible.

<u>Finding #2</u>: According to the Kitchell Study, inmate population in Solano County is projected to grow to 2,054 by the year 2015. (2345)

<u>Recommendation #2</u>: The Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's/Coroner Office take the necessary steps to implement and fund facilities to accommodate the projected growth.

Response: Following the completion and publication of the Kitchell Study, the Solano County Sheriff and the County Administrator's Office provided the Board of Supervisors with several options to manage projected growth of the inmate population. The Solano County Board of Supervisors has decided on an option. Although the Sheriff has no authority to fund the construction of jail facilities, we will assist the County Administrator's Office by lending our expertise to planning and construction project management once a feasible funding source has been identified.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Stanton Sheriff/Coroner